

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

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No. 1401/DM/ RO/D2/GELS/2024.

Puducherry, the **16.03.2024**

**NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India has issued instructions for prevention of defacement of property and other campaign related items for the smooth and fair conduct of elections by maintaining law and order under control and those instructions are to be complied with in letter and spirit by all concerned;

AND WHEREAS, in view of the forthcoming General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024 and in order to ensure, holding of free and fair elections and level playing field to all political parties/candidates, the Election Commission of India has reiterated that no political party/association/body or candidate or their workers or supporters or sympathizers shall deface or spoil any private or public premises, halls/auditoriums, other public properties, vehicles and other campaign related items by pasting posters, writing slogans, painting symbols, putting-up arches, banners, hoardings, affixtures, erections, paintings etc. in any public place and also in the private properties open to public view;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient in public interest, that for the above reasons and for the purpose of preventing defacement, all political/election-related advertisements in public and private places open to public view shall be prohibited in the whole of the Union Territory of Puducherry;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Puducherry Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 2000 (Act No.6 of 2000), the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, hereby directs that on and from the date of announcement of General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024, no person shall impair or interfere with the appearance and beauty or damage, disfigure, erect, fix, spoil or injure in any manner or deface any place in the whole of the Union Territory of Puducherry, by writing or marking with ink, chalk, paint or any other material for the purpose of political propaganda and electioneering till the completion of the General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024. However, programmes conducted by the Government under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) for election purpose are exempted from this Notification.

(By Order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

  
( KULOTHUNGAN. A. I.A.S., )  
SPECIAL SECRETARY(REVENUE)

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To:-

1. The Chief Election officer, Puducherry.
2. The District Election Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal.
3. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam
4. All Secretaries, Puducherry.
5. The Senior Superintendent of Police(L&O), Puducherry.
6. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry.
7. All Head of Departments, Puducherry.
8. All the Assistant Returning Officers (Puducherry/Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam),
9. The Municipal Commissioners (Puducherry/Oulgaret/Mahe/Yanam)
10. The Commissioner, Commune Panchayat (Mannadipet/ Nettapakkam/ Bahour/ Ariyankuppam/ Villianur)
11. The Nodal Officer (MCC /Defacement/cVigil/Expenditure Monitoring Committee)
12. All Recognised Political Parties, Puducherry.
13. The Director of Stationeries & Printing, Puducherry- with a request to publish in the Extra-ordinary official gazette and to supply 100 copies to this office.
  
14. The Director of Information & Publicity, Puducherry – with a request to make necessary arrangements to publish the same in vernacular dailies on free of cost, in Union Territory of Puducherry.

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